

In the specification:

Page 1, line 3, amend as follows:

Prior Art Background of the Invention

Page 1, amend the paragraph in lines 4-17 as follows:

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In wiper blades of the type described in the preamble of claim 4, the mounting rails or carrying rails should ensure that the wiper blade contact pressure proceeding from the wiper arm is distributed as uniformly as possible at the window pane over the entire wiping field to be wiped by the wiper blade. Due to a corresponding curvature of the carrying rails when not loaded, that is, when the wiper blade does not contact the window pane, the ends of the wiper blade which rest entirely upon the window pane when the wiper blade is operating are loaded toward the window pane by the carrying rails which are tensioned in operation, even when the radii of curvature of spherically curved vehicle window panes change in every position of the wiper blade. The curvature of the wiper blade must accordingly be somewhat greater than the greatest curvature measured in the wiping field at the window pane to be wiped. Thus, the carrying rails replace the costly

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carrying clip construction having two spring rails arranged in the wiping strip
that was used in conventional wiper blades (DE-OS 15 05 357).

Page 1, line 27, amend as follows:

~~Advantages of the invention~~ Summary of the Invention

Amend the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 as follows:

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In the wiper blade according to the invention ~~with the~~
~~characterizing features of claim 1~~, when the wiping strip which is provided
with the carrying rails is inserted into the holder it is held by the tension which
is generated in the longitudinal crosspiece or longitudinal web and which is
formed by the difference in amount between the distance of the first L-legs
from one another and the summed amount when the longitudinal web is
compressed. This makes it possible to remove the wiping strip from the
holder opposite the mounting direction by elastic deformation of the upper
walls of the receiving grooves without deformation of the claws. The carrying
rails and holder remain fully functional and can therefore continue to be used
without restrictions.

Page 3, line 24, amend as follows:

~~Drawings~~ Brief Description of the Drawings

Page 4, line 5, amend as follows:

~~Description of the Embodiment Example~~ Description of the Preferred Embodiments